

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication system comprising:
5 a storage device configured to receive content from a service provider and store the content; and
a transmitter coupled to the storage device, the transmitter being configured to transmit the content stored in the storage device to at least one compatible communication device.

10 2. The communication system of Claim 1, wherein the service provider is configured to receive content from at least one content producer.

15 3. The communication system of Claim 1, wherein the storage device is a solid state memory.

20 4. A storage device configured to receive content from a service provider and store the content, the storage device comprising:
a disk drive unit configured to store the content; and
at least one transmitter coupled to the disk drive unit, the at least one transmitter being configured to transmit the content stored in the disk drive unit to at least one compatible communication device within a range of the transmitter.

25 5. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein at least one transmitter uses infrared signals to transmit the content.

6. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein at least one transmitter transmits signals according to Bluetooth specifications.

30 7. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein at least one transmitter uses radio-frequency signals to transmit the content.

8. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein a first transmitter uses radio-frequency signals to transmit the content, and a second transmitter uses infrared signals to transmit the content.

5 9. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the content comprises video signals.

10 10. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the content comprises audio signals.

11. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the content comprises data files.

12. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the content comprises Internet content.

13. The storage device of Claim 4, further comprising an output port configured to transmit content to at least one communication device when the output port is physically coupled to the communication device.

14. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the transmitter is configurable to wirelessly transmit content to at least one compatible wireless communication device within a range of the transmitter and not transmit content to at least one compatible wireless communication device within a range of the transmitter.

15. The storage device of Claim 4, wherein the disk drive unit comprises an array of disk drives.

16. A method of storing and transferring content, the method comprising:
receiving content from a service provider;
storing the content in a storage device; and
transmitting the content with a transmitter to at least one compatible communication device within a range of the transmitter.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the content comprises Internet content.

18. The method of Claim 16, wherein transmitting content comprises transmitting infrared signals.

5 19. The method of Claim 16, wherein transmitting content comprises transmitting signals according to Bluetooth specifications.

20. The method of Claim 16, wherein transmitting content comprises transmitting radio-frequency signals.

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21. The method of Claim 16, further comprising:
receiving a request for content from a communication device;
transmitting the request to a service provider; and
15 transmitting the requested content with the transmitter to the communication device that requested the content.